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SUBJ: NEW SASO PRESIDENT BANNED

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1. HENRY ISAACS, ELECTED LAST WEEK AS PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (SASO), WAS SERVED WITH A BANNING ORDER JULY 26 AT PORT ELIZABETH. ISAACS, WHO ALSO PRESIDENT OF UNRECOGNIZED STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) AT UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE (UWC), BECAME ACTING PRESIDENT OF SASO AFTER PREVIOUS PRESIDENT, JERRY MODISANE, WAS BANNED LAST MARCH. HIS EXPULSION FROM UWC IN MAY WAS IMPORTANT CAUSE OF RECENT STUDENT UNREST THAT LED TO UNIVERSITY CLOSING IN JUNE (REFTEL).

2. ISAACS, WHO IS TO BE RESTRICTED TO HIS HOME IN PIETER-MARITZBURG, WAS SERVED BANNING ORDERS WHILE WAITING TO APPEAR AT TRAIL OF MR. NYAMEKO (BARNEY) PITYANA, BANNED FORMER SASO SECRETARY GENERAL. PITYAMA IS CHARGED ON SIX COUNTS OF CONTRAVENING TERMS OF HIS BANNING UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT. ANOTHER BLACK LEADER BANNED IN MARCH,
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BOKWE MAFUNA, IS REPORTED TO BE IN JAIL FOR CONTRAVENTION OF

BANNING ORDERS. IN ADDITION ONE BANNED NUSAS LEADER IS IN JAIL (FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM SOUTH AFRICA) AND THREE OTHERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND FACE TRIAL FOR VIOLATIONS OF BANNING ORDERS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THEME OF LAST WEEK'S SASO CONGRESS WAS BLACK POWER, ISAACS AND OTHER LEADERS KEPT PRO-BLACK FEELINGS FROM BECOMING ANTI-WHITE. ISAACS STATED "WE HAVE SUFFERED FAR TOO LONG AT THE HANDS OF WHITE RACISTS TO WANT TO REVERSE THE TABLES." IRONICALLY, ISAACS' BANNING MAY ENCOURAGE MORE RADICAL SASO MEMBERS TO ADOPT STRONGER ANTI-WHITE LINE AND BRING ABOUT FURTHER AND MORE SERIOUS CONFRONTATIONS WITH SAG.
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